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ABSTRACT

This sheet offers statistics and analysis of national data from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (1993) on the net costs of attending institutions of postsecondary education including tuition, fees, and living expenses minus grants, loans and work study compensation. One table shows costs of college attendance and student financial aid for dependent, full-time undergraduate students, by family income and type and control of institutions for the academic year 1992-93. This table also shows ratios of grants to tuition and fees and of net cost to total cost. These figures are provided for public four-year institutions, private four-year institutions, and public two-year colleges. A second table shows costs and student financial aid for dependent, full-time undergraduates, by type and control of institutions and family income for academic year 1992-93. Brief discussion of the statistics points out that: (1) among all dependent, full-time undergraduate students attending public four-year institution, average grant aid received was 29 percent of the average tuition and fees charged and that this ratio varied from 80 percent for students from low income families to 10 percent for those from high income families; and (2) the average net cost was 80 percent of the average total cost for dependent, full-time undergraduates attending public, four-year colleges. (JB)

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Cost may affect a student's access to a college education. The net cost of college attendance is total cost minus total aid—that is, tuition, fees, and living expenses minus grants, loans, and work study. Net cost as a percentage of total cost is a measure of the fraction of cost that remains to be financed by students and their families after student financial aid is used. However, living expenses arguably must be incurred whether or not a student attends college, loans must be repaid, and work study is payment for work. A second measure, grant aid as a percentage of tuition and fees paid, provides an indication of the discount received on educational expenses.

- **Among all dependent, full-time undergraduate students attending public 4-year institutions, average grant aid received was 29 percent of the average tuition and fees charged during the 1992–93 academic year. This ratio varied from 80 percent for students from low income families to 10 percent for those from high income families. This ratio also varied from 16 percent for dependent full-time students at private for-profit institutions to 37 percent for those at public 2-year institutions.**
- **The average net cost (total cost minus total aid) was 80 percent of the average total cost ($7,326 versus $9,187) for dependent, full-time undergraduates attending public 4-year colleges. This ratio varied from 57 percent for students from low income families to 91 percent for those from high income families. This ratio also varied from 89 percent for students attending public 2-year colleges to 67 percent for students attending private, not-for-profit, 4-year institutions.**
- **Among independent, full-time students at private, for-profit institutions, the average grant aid received ($1,346) was 28 percent of the average tuition and fees charged ($4,748). This ratio varied from 37 to 18 percent for students with low to high household income.**

Cost of college attendance and student financial aid for dependent, full-time undergraduate students, by family income and type and control of institution: Academic year 1992–93

Type and control of institution and family income of dependent students	Tuition and fees	Total cost	Grants	Total aid	Net cost	Ratios: Grants to tuition and fees	Ratios: Net cost to total cost
Public 4-year institutions							
Dependent, full-time students	$2,947	$9,187	$855	$1,864	$7,326	29	80
Low income	2559	8820	2041	3746	5070	80	57
Lower middle	2728	8878	961	2422	6426	35	72
Upper middle	2846	8924	509	1331	7598	18	85
High income	3382	9758	354	890	8879	10	91
Private, not-for-profit, 4-year							
Dependent, full-time students	11004	17301	3455	5697	11552	31	67
Low income	8444	14232	5417	8350	5872	64	41
Lower middle	10560	16905	4890	8270	8590	46	51
Upper middle	11195	17422	4240	6934	10407	38	60
High income	12399	18958	1736	3150	15752	14	83
Public 2-year							
Dependent, full-time students	1072	6410	395	600	5717	37	89
Low income	948	6199	1027	1322	4848	108	78
Lower middle	1052	5995	312	588	5348	30	89
Upper middle	1134	7060	122	247	6686	11	95
High income	1311	6745	83	167	6367	6	94

NOTE: Total cost includes budget allowances for student living expenses; total aid includes grants, loans, and work study; net cost is total cost minus total aid.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Postsecondary Student Aid Study: 1993.

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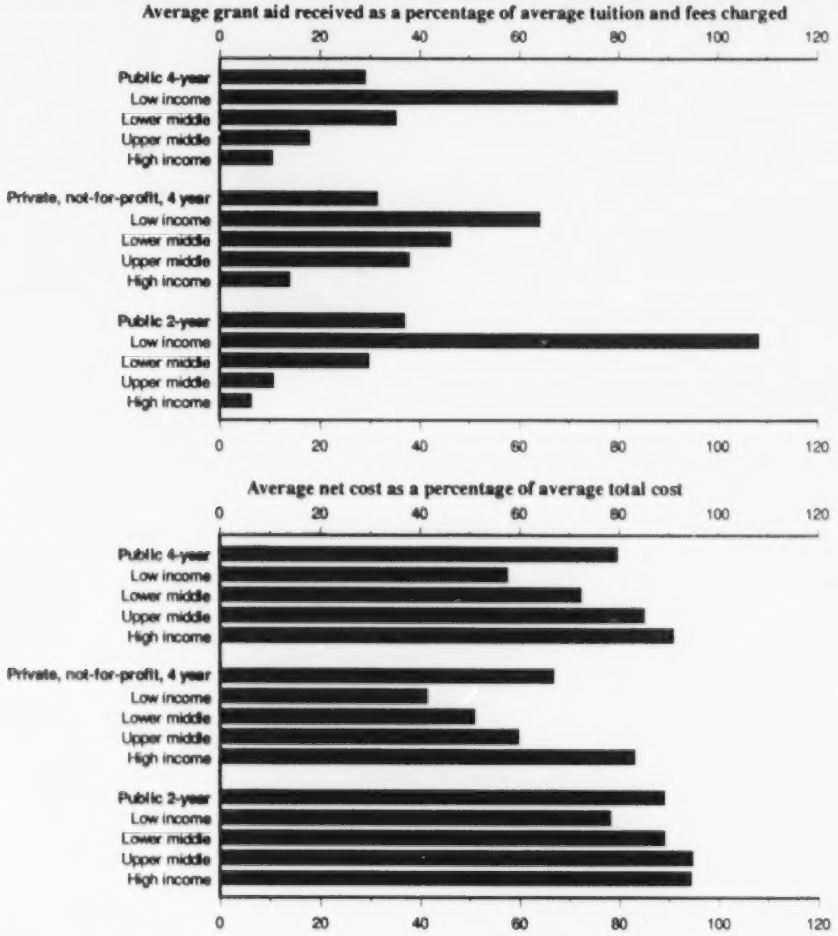

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